

Zimmeck's touch golden for Tribe

The junior forward's goal in double overtime gives the College a 1-0 victory over Maine.
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Catch Frank if you can

UCAB and Up 'Til Dawn host Frank Abagnale, on whose life "Catch Me If You Can" is based.
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New registrar student-friendly

Sowder replaces former voter-registrar Andrews, who often denied student applicants

By SAM SUTTON
The Flat Hat

New Registrar Winifred Sowder has high hopes for repairing the relationship between the voter registrar's office and the College. On July 1, Sowder replaced the previous registrar Dave Andrews whose tenure in the position was soured by his adversarial stance against the student body.

"My office door is always open. It's important to me that we have a good relationship," Sowder said. "We're here to serve the people."

She is also pleased to see students want to take an active part in local politics. In the past, students complained of disenfranchisement in Williamsburg elections. According to the April 27 issue of The Flat Hat, Andrews frequently changed policies, added a questionnaire to the requirement forms, allegedly used unfair or illegal practices in keeping students from voting and on one occasion lost the registration forms of at least 17 students. Eventually, Andrews

was named in a lawsuit regarding his repeated refusal to consider College students permanent residents.

Sowder's appointment is seen by some as a chance to improve the situation. Students will now be allowed to vote so long as they are a U.S. citizen and have proof of residence within the city of Williamsburg.

"I don't worry about minutiae; I don't want to scrutinize students," Sowder said, concerning the prerequisites for voting.

Voting registration requirements for students will no longer be any different than those applied to other residents of Williamsburg.

Despite her open-door policy and willingness to allow students to register, Sowder made explicit her feeling that students should be careful when considering whether or not to vote in Williamsburg. He went into detail regarding how becoming a registered resident of Williamsburg may affect a student's parents'

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ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT

Winifred Sowder is the new voter registrar at the College. She welcomes student voters in Williamsburg but warns them to consider the effects of registering on income tax or insurance.

TRIBE CRUSHES VMI 63-16



COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore safety David Caldwell forces a fumble in the Tribe's 63-16 victory over VMI. See FOOTBALL, page 8.

ROTC should receive more credit, EPC says

Educational Policy Committee recommends small increase

By ALEXANDRA COCHRANE
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The Educational Policy Committee has recommended a small increase in the number of credits that ROTC cadets receive from their courses.

The EPC, a faculty group that examines the number of credits a course is worth, suggested that the faculty assembly increase the number of credits that count toward a cadet's graduation from six to eight, and increase the number of credits cadets

receive from all standard military science courses from 11 to 12.

These credit changes, which the faculty will vote on this fall, are drastically lower than those proposed by the unanimous student assembly vote on the issue.

The Senate requested a full credit change — cadets would earn three credits a semester, and all would count toward graduation.

"The changes proposed by this committee are quite insignificant and will make very little difference in

the lives of cadets. It is a far stretch from what the student senate voted unanimously on," ROTC cadet Matt Pinsker '09 said.

ROTC cadets at other schools are taking action to increase the number of credits awarded for courses, but most of the publicity on the issue is directed at the College.

"We are leading the fight for fair credit for ROTC cadets, and many students, teachers, veterans and

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Police chief addresses Tech

By RACHEL OHM
The Flat Hat

As President of the Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement and Chief of Police at the College, Don Challis is working to address national campus safety issues and answer the questions that have arisen in light of the April 16 shootings at Virginia Tech.

The shootings, the deadliest in American history, prompted universities across the country to examine their policies and practices regarding safety and security.

In Virginia, where as many as 500,000 students, faculty, staff and visitors populate college campuses every day, the ability to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies remains a foremost concern of campus law enforcement across the state.

"We need to examine what was done right and what was done wrong in handling the incident and train our officers in disaster planning from the perspective of what happens on a college campus," Challis said.

Challis, who is originally from Iowa

and now lives in James City County with his wife and two daughters, has worked at the College for four years. Previously, he was an officer at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.

As a student at the University of Iowa, Challis worked as a security officer to help pay for his tuition. It was

not long before he applied for a job as a police officer and was soon promoted to sergeant.

He says he enjoys working with the "unique, driven and smart" student body at the College and coming to work on

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ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT

Campus Police Chief Don Challis addressed the Virginia Tech Review Panel.

College weighs SAT writing differently

Dean of admissions says section weighed like an SAT II

By LAUREN LAMP
The Flat Hat

Two years after the creation of a writing section of the SAT, the College said that it considers it similar to the SAT II subject tests.

"The new writing portion is more like the old SAT subject test in writing," Dean of Admissions Henry Broadus said.

As such, the writing portion is taken into consideration in much the same way as subject tests.

"[The SAT II tests] are not required of applicants, but we take notice of them if they are submitted," Broadus added.

Beginning March 12, 2005, the

College Board modified the SAT reasoning test by adding a new writing portion. The new version features an essay and more multiple-choice questions, adding an hour in total to the exam. According to the College Board, the new writing portion measures a student's ability to clearly express ideas and to utilize appropriate word choice and sentence structure.

The College says that it continues to take a holistic approach when considering applicants.

"[The College is] keenly interested in a student's voice, sense of self, thought process and point of view," Broadus said.

The essay on the SAT, unlike a personal essay, does not aptly measure any of these desired components. Instead, it tests one's ability to form and present a coherent, grammatically correct essay.

"[Although] that's useful

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Weather

Tuesday




High 93°
Low 70°

Wednesday



High 87°
Low 66°

Thursday



High 84°
Low 68°

Source: www.weather.com

Quotes of the Week

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—ROTC cadet Matt Pinsker '09 on increasing the number of credits that ROTC cadres receive

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“When laying out a demand, you want to achieve an objective, but if you are too specific, they will dig their heels in and not do what you want.”

—U.Va. Interim Dean of Students Allen Grove on The Cavalier Daily

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News in Brief

University of Virginia surpasses fundraising goals

Officials at the University of Virginia are speculating that the Campaign for U.Va. is going so well they may surpass their fundraising goal by \$1 billion, according to the Daily Progress, a Charlottesville publication.

As of July 31, U.Va. had collected \$1.465 billion of their \$3 billion goal. The campaign ends Dec. 31, 2011.

If U.Va. does reach their \$3 billion goal, they will have the largest fundraising total of any public university in the nation.

“We want to be the first privately financed public university,” Bob Sweeney, head of U.Va. fundraising team, told the Daily Progress.

U.Va. officials plan to use the \$3 billion to add to science, engineering and technology research. Officials also say they plan to use the money to offset the loss of state funds, per Gov. Tim Kaine’s request that U.Va., the College and Virginia Tech cut 7.5 percent of their funding from the Commonwealth.

— by Morgan Figa

By the Numbers

75 percent

The percentage of energy used by non-residential campus buildings at a typical college, according to the Student Environmental Action Coalition. Only 25 percent of energy is used in dorms.

320

The number of acres that the College brought from Capt. Thomas Ballard initially to start bilding the campus. Bought from what was known at the time as “Middle Plantation,” the construction of the Wren Bulding came soon afterward.

74 Days

The number of days it took Apple to sell its 1 millionth iPhone. Sales reportedly jumped when Apple slashed the price of the iPhone by a third over the weekend to spur on sales. This milestone was reached weeks earlier than expected. Apple stock increased by 3.8 percent based on the news.

34 percent

The increase in the probability of one getting accepted to a higher level institution had his or her parents donated to that institution. According to the study by the National Bureau of Economic Research, this increase in probability slowly declines as one ages.

— by Maxim Lott and Isshin Teshima



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA COMMONS.
3401 Prospect St. is home to Delta Phi Epsilon, Georgetown’s only sorority, and other Greek organizations.

BEYOND THE BURG

Georgetown U. restricts on-campus parties

Strict party restrictions generate mixed response around D.C. campus

By ISSHIN TESHIMA
The Flat Hat

Georgetown University administrators recently implemented strict restrictions for on-campus parties that have brought forth various responses from the student body as a whole. The change came about after the first two weeks of the current school year resulted in more party-related complaints than ever before in the history of the institution.

Georgetown, which has long been known for not only its academics, but also its social life, has expressed strong concern over its ability to maintain the delicate balance between a safe campus and drinking.

The new rules instituted include a stronger police presence in the neighborhood, a one-keg-per-party limit and several complex registration policies. District Police Commander Andy Solberg also said that from now on, officers would be arresting students

for party-related violations rather than issuing citations.

“We would prefer that the college kids control their own actions,” Solberg said to the Washington Post. “But if they can’t or they won’t, we’ll lock them up.”

Because the new rules and limitations have restricted the numbers of parties on-campus, gatherings have gradually shifted off-campus, causing students and neighbors to complain about the noise. Reportedly, when student leaders took administrators to a popular on-campus spot on a weekend when known parties were occurring, all they heard were crickets.

Many Georgetown students have reported that they have been blindsided by the new regulations. Where students were given freedom to party before, the new rules have completely overwhelmed them.

“You can’t suddenly clomp down, put all these rules in after letting people do whatever

they want for so long,” Kayleigh Brown '10 said to the Washington Post.

Various students expressed concern at the fact that Georgetown’s social scene could become more fragmented, sending students far and wide on weekends in order to maintain a social life. One junior started a protest movement on Facebook last weekend in the form of a group named “Work Hard-Play Hard, GU Students for Stopping the Madness,” which by last afternoon already had a number of petitions with nearly 1,900 signatures.

However, Georgetown University is just one of many campuses nationwide that are cracking down on alcohol use in college.

“The legal liabilities are so much on peoples’ minds now,” said Gwendolyn Dungy of National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. “We can’t do things halfway anymore.”

This week in Flat Hat history

1951

Tyler Hall, later renamed the Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies, underwent an extensive \$50,000 renovation that made it, at the time, the most modern men’s dormitory on campus. The dorm was refurbished and repainted to give the hall a distinct look.

1964

The 272nd session of the College began with the largest freshmen class recorded in the history of the campus. An entering class of 942 freshmen added to the approximately 3,000 transfer, graduate and law students.

1970

A “night clerk system” was implemented in upperclassmen women’s dorms, easing the strict curfew rules that had previously been in place. Until then, parental permission cards had been used.

Although the new system was an improvement, it was also expensive. For this reason, the Women’s Dormitory Association wanted to implement a “card key system” in which students would use a plastic key card to get into dormitories after hours.

1981

A new alcohol consumption law was passed by Virginia that, according to the Associate Dean of Students, would have “an impact on the college.” 18 year-old students would be able to purchase alcohol in licensed areas only.

— by Isshin Teshima

STREET BEAT

What do you think of all the building projects on campus?



I hope the football team improves with new facilities.

Andrew Thompson '08



I think it’s great; I wish there were more new buildings.

Andrew Miller '08



It gets annoying at times, but in the end it will improve our campus.

Richie Bourne Vanek '10



I think its fine. I don’t mind it that much.

Bernadette Sy '11

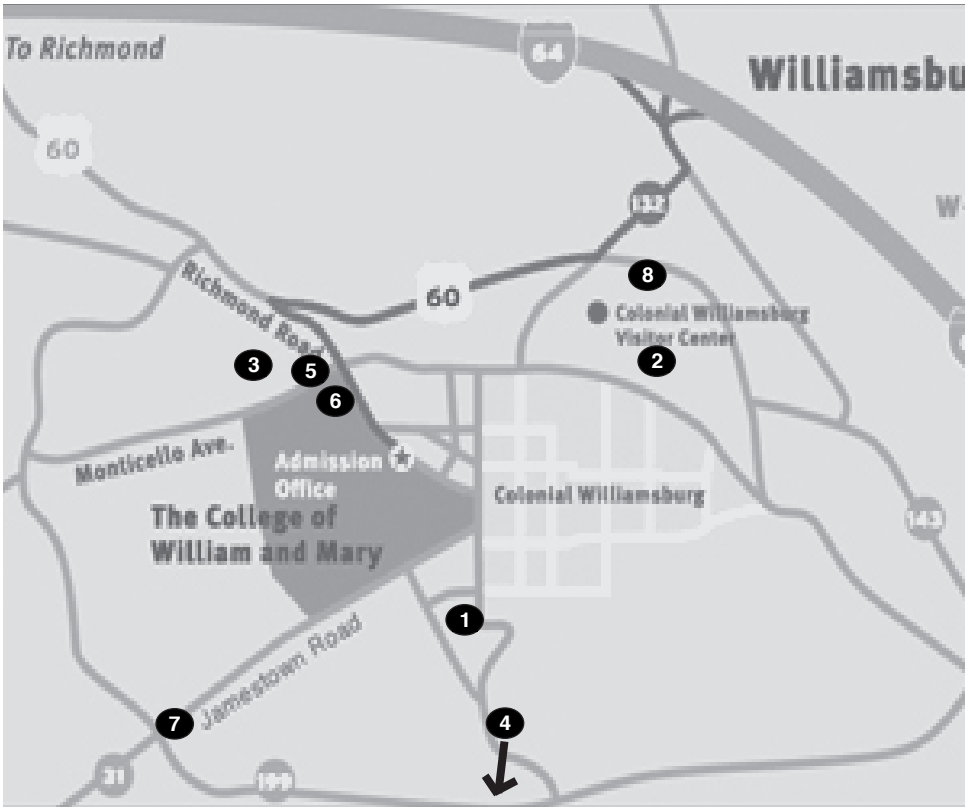
— photos and interviews by Alex McKinley

CITY POLICE BEAT

Sept. 5 to Sept. 7

Wednesday, Sept. 5 — Two underage males were arrested at the intersection of Ireland and South Henry Streets for illegal possession of alcohol. One was also charged with being drunk in public.

— A Hispanic male was arrested for driving with a suspended license on the 1100 block of Bypass Road.



Thursday, Sept. 6 — Two males were arrested for attempted auto theft of a Honda Civic on the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon Avenue.

— A white male on the 2000 block of South Henry Street was charged with underage possession of alcohol after causing a noise disturbance at his home.

Friday, Sept. 7 — A white female was arrested on the 100 block of Monticello Avenue for stealing purses and license plates. She had burglary tools and a fake ID with her and had been driving with a suspended license.

— A white male was taken into custody for the theft of a mountain bike and possession of marijuana on the 1200 block of Richmond Road.

Saturday, Sept. 8 — A white male was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of a concealed weapon at the 100 block of Woodmere Court.

— A Hispanic male was arrested on multiple charges including hit and run at the crossing of the 1300 block of Richmond Road and the 900 block of Capitol Landing. His vehicle and a police cruiser were damaged but only minor injuries were sustained.

— Compiled by Monica J. LoBue

World forum to appear at W&M

Democracy conference to convene in Williamsburg, scheduled to host sessions at William and Mary Hall

By MEGHAN O'MALLEY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The World Forum on the Future of Democracy will take place in Williamsburg Sept. 16 to 18 and will include a day session at William & Mary Hall.

The forum will be held at the Colonial Williamsburg Conference Center.

“The World Forum on the Future of Democracy is the culminating event of the year-long International Conference Series on the Foundations and Future of Democracy,” according to the website for the series and the forum.

Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton and former U.K. Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair are the Honorary Chairs of the Democracy Conference Series.

There is a possibility that Secretary of Defense Robert Gates ‘65 will attend the event, according to Charles Center Director Joel Schwartz.

The Sept. 17 session at William & Mary Hall is called “The Future of Democracy: Why Does It Matter?” and will be hosted by Jim Lehrer, executive editor and news anchor for the PBS show The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.

Panelists for the first Jim Lehrer session, “Developing a Structure for Deliberative Democracy – The Framers’ Debate,” include two Pulitzer Prize authors, History Professors Gordon Wood from Brown University and Joseph Ellis ‘65 from Mount Holyoke College. Hunter R. Rawlings III, President Emeritus of Cornell University, will also sit on the panel.

Lehrer is also moderating a session called “Has America Kept The Founders’ Faith? Is It Working?” This session’s panelists are the Honorable Thomas Foley, 57th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, former U.S. Attorney General William P. Barr, New York Times colum-

nist David Brooks, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Goldman Sachs, Robert Hormat and Joan Brown Campbell, the department of religion director at Chautauqua Institution.

In the afternoon, the moderator will switch to Walter Isaacson, President and CEO of the Aspen Institute. His session, “Are America’s Founding Principles Relevant in a Global Age?” will host panelists such as Steven Heintz, President of Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Kumi Naidoo, secretary general and CEO of CIVICUS and Choi Young-Jin, for the Republic of Korea to the United Nations.

The luncheon speaker and the public session speaker are still to be announced.

Mitchell Reiss, the College’s vice provost for international affairs, will be a panelist for a session Sept. 18 entitled “Terrorism and Security.”

Reiss was the dean of the Reves Center for International Studies at the College before becoming director of policy planning in the State Department under former Secretary of State Colin Powell. Reiss was also the envoy to Northern Ireland.

“His academic expertise, actually, is North Korea ... He happens to be at [the College] now, but he’s ... very logical for the panel,” Schwartz said.

The Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission, a federal commission funded by Congress, is in charge of the forum; they were in charge of the format and the invitations.

The College did not organize the forum, but Schwartz was asked to coordinate the involvement of students and faculty in the event.

Students, faculty and staff may obtain tickets for the Jim Lehrer session at William & Mary Hall at the University Center Information Desk between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. both today and tomorrow.



PHOTOS COURTESY – WIKIPEDIA COMMONS
(from left to right) PBS Anchor Jim Lehrer, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor are all taking part in the World Forum on the Future of Democracy.

Profs big political donors

New study puts College as third largest donor in nation, results skewed by one government department professor

By MAXIM LOTT
Flat Hat Deputy News Editor

A report from the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics reported in August that College faculty donated \$136,200 to political campaigns, the third largest amount of any college studied. The study also found that 99 percent of donations from College faculty have gone to Democrats.

Much of this is due to the donations of one professor, Ron Rapoport in the government department. Rapoport and his Va.-based family donated \$98,300 to Democrats this election cycle. That would not normally be possible with an academic salary, but Rapoport’s father founded the American Income Life Insurance Company, which is worth \$560 million, according to The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation website.

Rapoport is now chairman of the foundation, which was founded in 1987 with \$47 million. The foundation donates to causes such as education and health, as well as liberal progressive organizations such as Media Matters of America.

“This Foundation is dedicated to the principle that providing real opportunities to those who do not have them — whether through family circumstance, social structure or political repression — is a basic responsibility of those fortunate enough to be able to help,” Professor Rapoport said in an acceptance letter for the chairmanship.

Rapoport’s contributions are not representative of the College faculty. After his contributions are taken out, College faculty and staff donated \$37,900, approximately 96 percent of which went to Democrats.

Professor Rapoport declined to comment.

“Even if it is hard to base too much on this one study, it seems to me that there are other reports (of political attitudes rather than donations per se), and from what I recall they empirically confirm the fairly widespread sense that college faculties generally are not bastions of conservatism or Republican voter support,” acting chairman of the government department Clay Clemens told The Flat Hat.

“That almost certainly varies somewhat by area and discipline. ... But in total, academics



COURTESY PHOTO — GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT
Government Professor Ronald Rapoport

are almost certainly more liberal than conservative,” Clemens said. “In my experience, undergrads with strong conservative instincts prefer going directly into politics or else law and business, rather than academia, so it becomes a sort of mutually reinforcing cycle.”

National attention has surrounded the report. “The study could provide fresh ammunition to conservatives who rail about liberal bias in the academy,” The Boston Globe reported in August.

“There’s been a transformation of universities over 30 or 40 years,” the director of the conservative National Association of Scholars told the Center for Responsive Politics. “Where what was once an institutional ethic that you leave your politics at home, that your students should never know your personal opinions on controversial topics, has been eroded to the point where it is rarely used.”

The study also finds that nationwide donations from academics have risen substantially. It reports that academic donations to 2008 candidates so far, at \$7 million, are as high as donations during entire general election cycles in the 1990s. Clemens, however, did not think it would have a great effect on the political scene.

“Those total amounts are not very high, and liberal candidates already pretty much carry districts like Cambridge Ma. or Berkeley Ca.,” he said. “It seems doubtful that the Democratic Party would feel any huge need to cater to academics since most of that vote is unlikely to go anywhere else.”

Under the MICROSCOPE

DUST STORMS WHIP UP TROUBLE FOR NASA ROVERS

Ethan Theuerkauf
FLAT HAT SCIENCE COLUMNIST



After months of braving strong Martian dust storms, two of NASA’s rovers, Opportunity and Spirit, are ready to continue research.

Dust storms that began in late July blocked most of the sunlight that the rovers use to create electrical energy. This forced NASA to halt their research in order to ensure that the instruments did not fail.

The Opportunity is scheduled to explore the Victoria Crater, an impact crater that offers a window into the subsurface geology of Mars and could make the journey as early as today.

“Opportunity might be ready for that first “toe dip” into the crater as early as next week,” John Callas, project manager for the Mars Rover Mission, said in an interview with Space.com.

Victoria Crater is just one of many research sites for the Opportunity during its 43-month trek across the Meridiani Planum, a plain on Mars that may hold evidence supporting the belief that Mars once had surface water.

The interest in exploring Victoria Crater stems from a layer of exposed bedrock within the crater that could provide clues as to the interaction between the surface and the atmosphere on Mars millions of years ago.

In preparation for the voyage into the crater, Opportunity must have its instruments checked because of the dust storms. One of the most important instruments, a mast-mounted mirror, must be inspected thoroughly because data sent back to Earth suggested that it may not be working prop-

erly.

According to Space.com, the mast-mounted mirror reflects infrared light into the rover’s Miniature Thermal Emission Spectrometer (Mini-TES), which is used to determine which rocks occupy the Martian surface.

The Opportunity, which is formally named Mars Exploration Rover-B (MER-B), is currently in its fourth year of Martian roving and has thus far uncovered evidence of ancient Martian water and conducted a study of a Martian meteorite.

Thanks to the detailed geologic survey that the Opportunity conducted on Meridiani Planum, scientists have been able to make a hypothesis that links current hematite existence on Mars to past water presence. Hematite forms on Earth in hot springs or still standing bodies of water. Because of this, scientists believe there may once have been standing water on Mars.

At optimal conditions, the rovers can generate around 700 watts/hour of energy a day. If the rovers get less than 150 watts/hour of energy, they begin to use their batteries. These batteries can be drained quickly in the very cold climate of Mars. Once the batteries are drained, the instruments and electrical systems will fail, causing the rover to lose the ability to perform tasks such as conducting research and communicating with Earth.

Opportunity received only 128 watts/hour of energy July 18, its lowest reading ever. NASA responded by only allowing the rover to communicate with Earth once every three days.

Fortunately, the dust storms have ceased and it appears that the rovers remain unscathed. They are ready to continue searching for clues to Mars’ past, inching us one step closer to determining whether life does, or ever did exist, on Mars.

U.Va. students protest comic

By SAM SUTTON
The Flat Hat

The Cavalier Daily, the University of Virginia’s student-run newspaper, drew harsh criticism from students after running comic strips that made light of starvation.

Graphics Editor Grant Woolard’s drawing depicted men in primitive clothing wielding various items with the caption “Ethiopian food fight.”

According to the Sept. 6 issue of The Cavalier Daily, over 100 students conducted a “silent” protest, walking into the newspaper’s office in an effort to display dissatisfaction with the “ongoing problem” of the comics page.

The protestors met with members of the managing board and demanded that Woolard be removed from position as graphics editor.

A Cavalier Daily editorial published Sept. 6 apologized to those

for whom the comic “elicited painful images and memories.”

However, it went on to say that the board felt that the protests “blocking the entrances and exits of The Cavalier Daily offices” were not constructive in solving the problems caused by the strip and that the board organized a public forum in an effort to make their editing process more transparent.

As of now, it is unclear whether or not Woolard will remain on the staff of The Cavalier Daily.

According to the Cavalier Daily’s website, Woolard still holds the position of graphics editor.

Interim Dean of Students Allen Groves, who participated in a discussion with the protestors prior to the march on newspaper headquarters, voiced concern over the specificity of the demands.

“When laying out a demand, you want to achieve an objective, but if you are too specific, they

will dig their heels in and not do what you want,” Groves told The Cavalier Daily.

Last year, The Cavalier Daily saw similar controversy. According to radio station WCAV, Christian groups protested three comic strips drawn by Woolard that portrayed the Virgin Mary and Jesus in ways that many found offensive.

U.Va.’s NAACP political action chair, Solome Paulos, was quoted as saying Woolard is “continuously doing wrong” and expressed the hope that the removal of Woolard would demonstrate The Cavalier Daily’s diligence in preventing the occurrence of a similar incident in the future.

Both Groves and Herb Ladley, editor-in-chief at The Cavalier Daily, have proposed that more minority students join the staff of the newspaper in the hopes that fresh perspectives will preclude another such incident.

Data reflect safe campus

BY KATIE BORETSKY AND IRENE MORRISON-MONCURE
The Flat Hat

The crime statistics for the last academic year are out, and they support the belief that the College is a relatively safe place. Twenty-eight criminal offenses, ranging from sexual offenses to burglary, were committed in 2005.

One criminal offense is committed on campus for every 250 students at the College. At U.Va., 285 crimes are committed per student.

The vast majority of crimes involve minor theft and vandalism. Common sense is the best prevention, according to John Coleman, lieutenant of investigations and administrative services at the College.

Although many students are worried about laptop theft, there were only six reported incidents last year. The majority of these laptops were stolen at Swem Library. Coleman warns that the College is a public university and the library is open to non-students.

The most frequent complaints come from students who leave their desks to go find books and find their laptops missing upon

return.

Due to the College’s MyNotebook program, Coleman said, laptops have become easier to recover because they now come with unique serial numbers that can be imputed into the Virginia criminal network system.

Last year, 55 bikes were stolen, constituting the majority of crime at the College. This number is down from the previous year, but only 10 of the stolen bikes were returned. That is because thieves take many of the bikes off campus, where it is hard for police to find them, Coleman said. He suggested that it was important for students to lock up their bikes, as only a few locked bikes were stolen last year.

There were 104 incidents of vandalism. There were 44 reports of damage to vehicles, including egging and keying. Two buildings and 19 signs were also vandalized, mostly by spray paint graffiti. Such criminal actions create a large amount of extra work and unnecessary costs for the College staff and the police department. Last year, graffiti on a Spotswood wall cost the college an estimated \$350.

“Petty larceny is the big-

Crime By The Numbers 2006-2007

55

Bikes stolen

10

Bikes Recovered

6

Laptops Stolen

104

Acts of Vandalism

44

The number of cars that were vandalized

gest issue on campus,” Coleman said. Although some expensive items are stolen, most are not worth very much.

Coleman said that students should report any “shady people” that they see around campus to the police. “The campus is safe overall and Williamsburg is a safe place. However, use common sense,” he added.

ROTC may get more credit hours

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politicians across the nation are watching to see how the situation works out here,” Pinsker said. ROTC courses cover a range of topics from the military’s role in American society to map reading and land navigation, which involves analytical thinking, math and memorization. These courses, focused on leadership, also teach the cadets about the intricacies of what it would take to lead soldiers into battle. There is also a rigorous physical fitness commitment — sessions take place three times a week at 6 a.m. They do not spend their time exclusively marching or firing guns; instead, the courses encompass a holistic combination of academic and physical challenge. Pinsker, a pre-med government major, believes that ROTC courses are the most difficult he has taken.



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The SAT writing test is weighed like an SAT II.

Writing test weighed less

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information for an admission office to have, it’s no empirical substitute for what are subjective matters,” Broaddus said. For similar reasons, the undergraduate writing requirement is no longer satisfied based on SAT scores. English Professor Sharon Zuber, director of the Writing Resources Center, said that after the structuring of the SAT several years ago, the College stopped using SAT scores to give writing credit or exemption.

Registrar student-friendly

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house and car insurance, as well as a student’s classification as a dependent on parents’ income taxes. “The most important consideration is the potential for out-of-state students to lose scholarship money from their home states,” Sowder said. According to Sowder, a student from Delaware who attempted to register called back, “frantic” that he was at risk of losing a scholarship from his home state. Sowder was able to withdraw the individual’s forms before they were processed. She made it clear that these concerns should not discourage students from voting in Williamsburg. Leaders within the Student Assembly are happy with the new registrar. “I’ve been working with her

all summer. She’s already been taking registrations and processing them; she’s really nice,” SA President Zach Pilchen ’09 said. Pilchen went on to dismiss the chances of students losing local scholarships, dependent status or the changing of insurance rates as “highly unlikely.” The Young Democrats and College Republicans are launching registration drives that are to take place over the course of the next week.

Challis speaks about Tech

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the historic campus every day, where his duties as an officer are for the most part the same as those of local police.

In July, Challis was the main speaker at a meeting of the Virginia Tech Review Panel, organized by Gov. Tim Kaine to investigate the shootings and examine what can be done to make campuses safer. The panel included former Virginia State Police Superintendent Col. Gerald Massengill, former U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, an FBI agent and a child psychiatrist. Additional members of the panel were authorities on the shootings, the medical history of the perpetrator, Seung-Hui Cho, and the school’s response. “There is always the concern that if something had been done differently, less bodies would be dead,” Challis said. Although many have criticized the school for not closing down or going into lockdown mode immediately after the first shooting, Challis said that Tech handled the situation well and that lockdowns are impractical because most college campuses extend over hundreds of acres of land and include dozens of buildings. In the Virginia Tech massacre, campus police responded

to the first shooting within eight minutes and officers from the Blacksburg Police and Virginia State Police were at the scene when the second shooting took place in Norris Hall. “We’re sitting here four months after the fact. Tech had to make these decisions in a matter of minutes. It is difficult to apply what is needed now relative to what was needed in April. What they did instinctively we now have to do routinely,” Challis said, referring to emergency notification and crime prevention. “In any incident we have to anticipate if something is attached to it. There have been murders on college campuses before, but I don’t know of anywhere two hours later the problem resurfaces like it did at Tech,” he said. Challis said that one thing schools across the country can learn from Tech is the importance of communication between students and the administration. “Something like this could happen on any college campus,” he said. “We don’t have a lot of crime or criminal mischief at William and Mary, but we need to be forward thinking nonetheless.”

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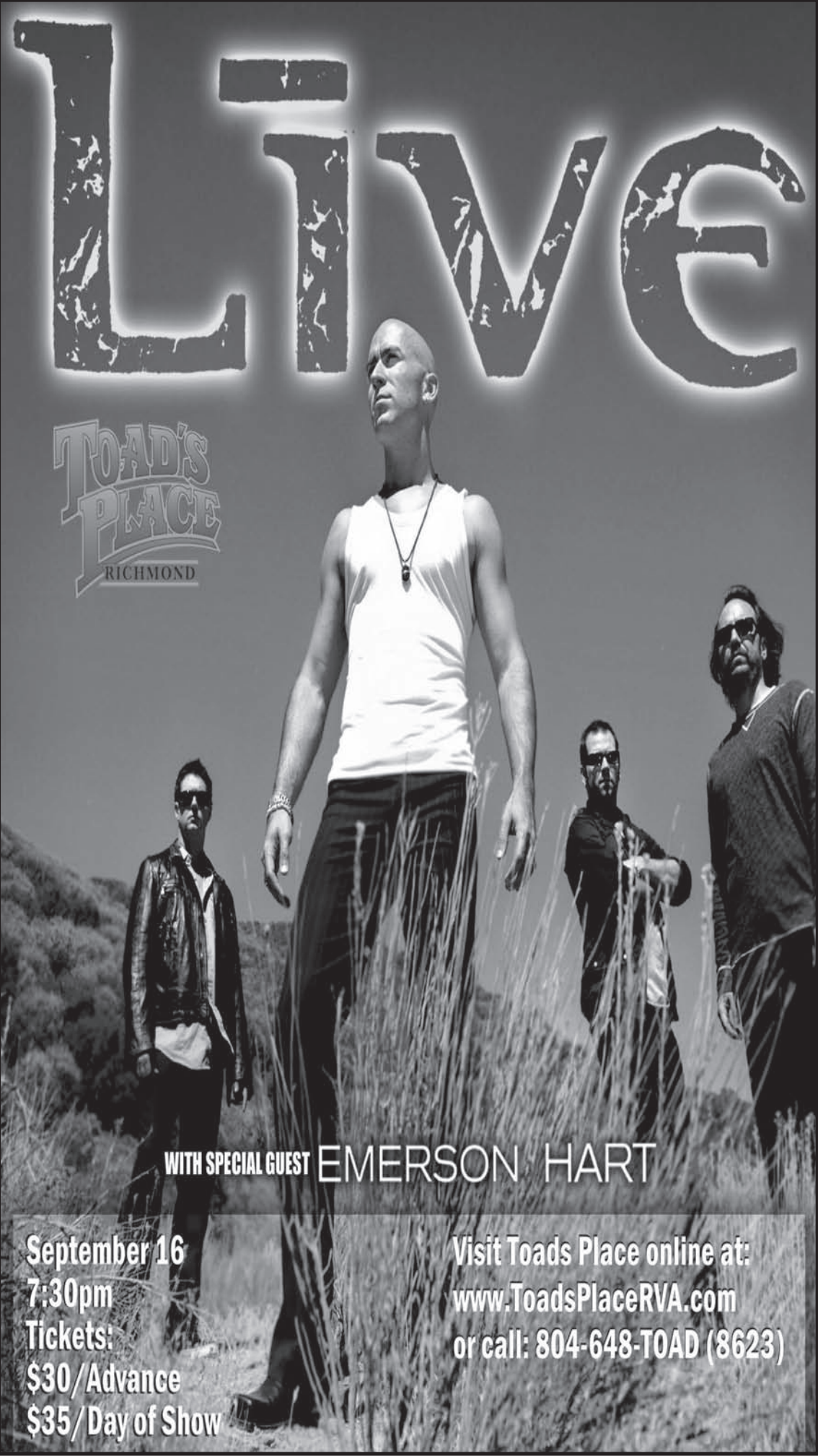
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Logo progress lagging

There was something missing at last Thursday’s football home opener, despite the excitement of the 3,400 students who packed Zable Stadium. Over the past year, efforts to redefine the identity of the College by creating a new logo — and perhaps even a mascot — have been conducted with a sense of lethargy and apathy. Now, nearly a year after the NCAA made an example of the College by declaring our logo “hostile and abusive,” students, faculty and alumni still do not have a unifying symbol for our athletic programs and, consequently, for our own identity as a university.

Since the College dropped its logo appeal last fall, there has been no sense of urgency toward acquiring a new logo for the school. Rather than working quickly to ensure that a new logo would be in place by the start of the school year, giving incoming freshmen an image with which they could immediately identify, the committee will wait until Homecoming to unveil the logo — assuming College President Gene Nichol approves of the committee’s recommendation.

Still, the committee cannot be entirely held to blame for the slow progress. The tone is set by Nichol and other top administrators, and there has been a lack of impassioned leadership and guidance in choosing a new athletic symbol. A logo is an important branding opportunity for the school, an opportunity we are concerned that top administrators do not fully understand.

Another critical issue for school spirit and athletic pride is that of a mascot. The logo committee was also given the option of creating an official mascot for the College. Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler has said that the committee

members “would like to” address a new mascot, but once again, a sense of urgency is clearly lacking. The effects of not having a mascot were evident at the Delaware game, as the UD Blue Hen taunted our fans at will. It is understandably difficult to construct a politically correct mascot that would complement the Tribe name, but creating a mascot should have always been a priority of the College, not just a fleeting possibility that is constantly delayed on the agenda.

The apathy on the part of the College is detrimental to the future success of our athletic programs. The feathers from the Tribe logo must be removed, yet feathers still remain on the “WM” logos in Kaplan Arena, on various campus roads and elsewhere. Some of our teams bear the word

“Tribe” on their jerseys, others a simple “W” and “M.” Our tribe supposedly refers to our tight, close-knit community, yet when applied to our teams and the administration’s commitment to them, it is very much a misnomer.

This unfortunate situation will be fixed eventually, but it is taking far too long. In effect, by waiting until Homecoming to reveal the new logo — if it happens at all — the College has wasted another year in this ongoing struggle. The funding and commitment required for successful athletic programs is severely jeopardized by such a lack of unity and identity on this campus. Watching JMU’s marching band perform in Zable without a marching band of our own, or watching another team’s mascot roam freely all over the stadium without our own counterpart is simply unacceptable. We are eager to see the College’s new logo, and we hope that a mascot will accompany or closely follow this decision, but the progress over the past year has been very disappointing.

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Diversity disaster

Max Fisher

FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



I did not expect culture shock when I first drove into Williamsburg to move in to my freshman dorm three years ago. I had lived in the Southeast before, after all, having spent five years in North Carolina. I had also lived in Connecticut, Arizona and Oregon. I was ready, I thought, for whatever culture the College had to offer. That culture, I have found, is whiteness. Whiteness and Christianity and heterosexuality. If you are not white, Christian and straight then you do not always feel welcome at the College. Though it is impossible to objectively prove the hostility towards minorities that exists here, few of us are able to go long without glimpsing this most singularly embarrassing aspect of the College.

I first heard a fellow student use the word “nigger” on my second night of orientation. I had never heard it in person before but I have since heard it — as well as “spic,” “kike,” “fag” and “slant” — many times. I’ve heard these words spoken behind closed dorm-room doors, whispered at parties and exclaimed as the punch-lines of so many tasteless jokes.

I learned to hide my own Jewish heritage from my fellow students. I pretended not to mind the jokes. I quietly erased the messages of hate — “dirty Jew” was their favorite — written across the white board on my door by three of my freshman hallmates. When I once walked into a party and heard “who invited the fucking Jew,” I simply went to a different party. My freshman roommate was smarter. He rarely told people he was Hispanic and, though I never asked him, I believed he allowed people to assume he was simply tan.

But my freshman roommate and I are lucky compared to our besieged homosexual classmates. Students of the College love to use the words “gay” and “fag” in any disparaging sense they can dream up. Gay jokes are a sure-fire hit. When one of the College’s relatively few openly gay students dares to venture within sight, many students are apt to complainingly call their college “William and Harry.”

The source of the bigotry so prevalent on our campus is easily identified and just as easily fixed. Hate is a natural response to fear, and people fear what they don’t understand. Take a quick look around campus and you will see why students have such a hard time understanding minority students — there are few here.

The College’s homogenous population — as well as the problems it causes — is no secret to the administration. Associate Provost for Enrollment Earl

Granger told The Flat Hat last spring that increasing diversity has become a major priority since College President Gene Nichol’s arrival in 2005.

Nichol, Granger said, “has made it very clear that he is looking for a much broader and diverse group of students here at William and Mary.”

Improvements in diversity have been significant. Outreach programs to minority-heavy high schools, the Ron Brown Scholar Program and Nichol’s newly created “Gateway” scholarships have all contributed to the recent rise in diversity. The number of African-American, American Indian and Hispanic students admitted in 2006 rose 37 percent from the previous year. But there is still a long way to go.

The College’s student body is embarrassingly homogenous compared to similar universities. According to the 2008 edition of The Princeton Review, only 21 percent of students at the College belong to a group college admissions officers call “students of color:” African-American, Asian, Hispanic, American Indian and international students.

Though I despise the term for its emphasis on skin tone over cultural heritage, I must use it to accurately discuss college admissions statistics. Two other public universities in Virginia, U. Va. and George Mason University, have 27 percent and 36 percent students of color, respectively. Duke University, perhaps the most prestigious university in the Southeast, also has 36 percent students of color.

The prestige and quality of a university seem to be

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linked directly to the diversity of that university’s student body. Yale and Harvard both claim just under 40 percent students of color. We are not Yale or Harvard, and that’s a good thing — the heritage of the College is an identity of which we should all be rightly proud. But it can’t hurt to see what the world’s educational vanguards are doing, and that is diversity.

The rationale for a diverse student body is clear to anyone who has suffered through an ethnic joke. Diversity is a very real kind of education in and of itself, and it is one in which our student body is sorely lacking. No matter how skilled in business or government or education our graduates may be, if they have not learned to accept a minority peer as an equal, then they are not educated. Because it is the College’s responsibility to educate, it is its duty to create a diverse student body. As a public college in a state where a third of the population qualifies as being “of color,” it should not be hard.

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By Chad Thompson, Flat Hat Cartoonist

Iraq report unsurprising

Andrew Peters

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



“That really pisses me off, Duncan. Those assholes.” Eight words, two sentences. By themselves, they aren’t particularly interesting — that is, until you realize they came from House Armed Services Committee Chairman Ike Skelton (D-Mo.).

His words were an ominous prelude to the year’s, perhaps the decade’s, most anticipated congressional hearings: the Iraq Progress Report. Skelton was speaking, not of the Iraqis, but rather of a group of demonstrators causing a ruckus in the back. There wasn’t much need for the fuss on either side, however, because these hearings will prove almost entirely irrelevant.

Already members of Congress have entrenched themselves in the battle over what to do with forces in the Iraq — it was a foregone conclusion that General David Petraeus’ suggested troop draw-down to pre-surge levels by next summer would be ignored. Even before the hearings commenced yesterday, The New York Times and The Washington Post had published stories covering Petraeus’ anticipated testimony.

His appearance, then, along with that of Ambassador Ryan Crocker, seems perfunctory. On the heels of two gloomy assessments from independent commissions, it was expected that his report would be more in line with the administration’s claims (highlighting progress locally, while ignoring the national picture). Liberal view: We’ve fed enough from this trough already. Conservative view: The commander on the ground should know best. Opening statements from the congressmen bore this out.

Knowing full-well that the general wouldn’t yet have the opportunity for rebuttal, Representative Tom Lantos (D-Ca.), chairman of the House Foreign Relations committee, lectured Petraeus on his anticipated draw-down strategy, saying it was “nowhere near enough,” and concluded that money would be better spent on programs in our own country.

The implication, of course, is that prior to having heard a word of testimony, he had determined that American schools and roads were of higher importance than Iraqi lives. During further questioning, the representative curiously displayed a greater affinity for the recommendations of retired generals and admirals published in “reliable media sources.” One wonders why the man even chose to attend the hearings if he derives his policy positions from the Times’ editorial pages.

Even Skelton seemed to have made up his mind before walking into the chambers. “He’s the right person, three years too late and 250,000 troops

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short” he said of Petraeus. These were not the words of a man about to be swayed by 13 pages of glossy charts.

In the end, the American public was given a dog and pony show of the highest order — riveting debate without any substance. It will be front page news this morning, and the editorial staff will call for an end to partisan intractability. But back in the chambers on Capitol Hill, Petraeus and Crocker will sit, with their biggest question still left unanswered: Who are they trying to convince?

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Vote none of the above

Joshua Barr

GUEST COLUMNIST



I have a favorite phrase when it comes to the current crop of presidential candidates: vote for none of the above. To be honest, I am pessimistic about the candidates on both sides of the aisle. I bash all the candidates, Republican and Democrat, because I have yet to hear from them why they will bring the change that our nation so desperately needs. I don’t mean to insult or demean the candidates, but I want to challenge the conventional wisdom about them.

I hear Barack Obama fans espousing his vision for America, his desire to bring hope and enthusiasm, as if those themes were somehow visionary. The fact remains that Obama has been a U.S. Senator for three years. He may truly be the next JFK, but I have yet to hear anything groundbreaking that differentiates him from his Democratic peers. Nor have I seen a record of substantial legislative accomplishment that underscore his leadership capabilities.

Rudy Giuliani supporters point to his leadership after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. I hate to be a contrarian, but “America’s mayor” was so ignorant that he put the Emergency Response Team Headquarters in the World Trade Center although it had already been targeted by terrorists in 1993. What does that say about his judgment and ability to lead?

The advocates for Hillary Clinton talk about her experience and toughness, as if three more years in the Senate give her that much more experience than Obama. If her White House years gave her “experience,” then one could potentially argue that this would qualify Laura or Barbara Bush to take the helm of the federal government. Clinton has been, by all accounts, a terrific, moderate Senator, and that’s where she should stay. She is too polarizing to be effective as president and, at this point in time, the last thing we need is further presidential divisiveness.

Proponents of Mitt Romney talk about his business experience and four years as the governor of

Massachusetts. However, he stated that he ran for Senator and governor on a pro-gay rights and pro-choice platform. Yet, suddenly, when running for president he shifted his “morals,” saying that he was pro-life and pro-traditional marriage all along. Was he playing politics then? Or is he playing politics now? If a candidate can’t express the strength of his convictions when running for public office, then he is not fit for leadership.

The FredHeads love to refer to Fred Thompson as “Southern-fried” Reagan. By all accounts, Thompson is a former Senator of ordinary accomplishment. Most sources have labeled him as unmotivated and non-committal. His policy positions seem to be the amalgamation of core conservative issues and “values.” To me, he seems too perfect and too coordinated. It’s too good to be true. He needs to decide if he wants the responsibility of the most powerful elected position in the world. If not, then he could always be the president on the next season of “24.”

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If you come away with anything from this column, let it be this: Sometimes politics is too important to be left to politicians. I stress “vote none of the above” because none of these candidates have done or said anything beyond petty partisanship and rhetorical one-liners. I don’t care what party you adhere to, because there is something much more vital — don’t take things at face value. The problems we face, including irresponsible foreign policy, ignorance of entitlement programs, budgetary deficits and inaction with regard to education, energy and climate change, will be the most challenging in our nation’s history. If these politicians can’t give us a detailed or even a straight answer on pressing issues, then we should not support them. We must ensure that today’s politicians actually pay attention to tomorrow’s problems or our nation will quickly be beyond repair.

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VARIETY

‘Lesberg’s World’ welcomes Gov. Kaine

By ALEXANDER ELY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Renowned radio commentator, author and journalist Sandy Lesberg will host Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine Friday at 5 p.m. on his WCWM 90.9 radio show “Sandy Lesberg’s World.” Lesberg, who achieved notoriety through his long-running radio show of the same name on WOR in New York City, as well as through his authoring of several cookbooks, has been airing a weekly show on WCWM every Friday for the past three years. Friday will mark Kaine’s second appearance on Lesberg’s show, the first having occurred shortly after the governor’s inauguration in 2006.

“I know him, and he knows me,” Lesberg said. “It’s a conversation, not an interview.” Lesberg said that while he would not ask the governor about the recent state budget cuts and their effects on the College, he would discuss national politics as well as Kaine and former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner’s future plans.

“I want to know what Mark Warner is going to do . . . what he’s going to run for,” Lesberg said. “I also want to ask about term limits for governor in Virginia.” Lesberg encouraged students to submit questions for the governor for him to ask during the interview.

Interviewing celebrities as well as movers and shakers is nothing new to Lesberg, whose career interview highlights include the Beatles, Michael Caine and various ambassadors and officials at the United Nations. A staple of the industry for several decades, Lesberg describes himself as



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Gov. Tim Kaine gives his inaugural address in Williamsburg in January 2006. Kaine will be interviewed by Sandy Lesberg Friday.

going “so far back that Larry King interviewed me from his houseboat.”

Lesberg’s life on the radio has provided him with a unique perspective on the proper operation of a radio station, and, while he sees potential for WCWM, he has been disappointed over the last few years.

“I get the impression that there are not enough students interested, and that’s too bad,” he said. “I would be delighted if more people got involved. I invite students to contact me who want to help with production or public relations.” WCWM meets Fridays at 4 p.m. in the studio in the Campus Center basement.

Lesberg said that while the current station is content with having simple shows built on music playlists, there are other important areas in which the station should progress. He wishes

there were more stimulating, intelligent talk shows.

“Williamsburg is a 25-miles-per-hour city. That’s for driving, not thinking,” he said. He also said that his efforts and suggestions, directed at administrators who oversee the operations of the station, have fallen on deaf ears. “The people who are in power here are doing a disservice to William and Mary by not allowing the station to expand,” he said.

Joining Lesberg on Friday’s show will be Brad Potter ’08 and Banan Malkawi ’05, both of whom are working with Lesberg to raise funds and awareness for the Hadetha Women’s Empowerment Foundation, an organization chaired by Malkawi. Its goal is to promote female empowerment in Iraq.

Lesberg encouraged students to send any questions for Kaine to sandylesbergradio@yahoo.com.

Up ’til Dawn catches Abagnale

By CLAIRE ELLERY
The Flat Hat

Frank Abagnale’s story makes a strong argument for quitting college. By the age of 21, he had been an airline pilot, attorney, college professor and pediatrician without finishing high school. Of course, before he was done he was wanted in 26 countries, but that only makes for a better story.

Up ’til Dawn, a nationwide college fundraising arm of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and UCAB are co-sponsoring a night with Frank Abagnale tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the University Center Commonwealth Auditorium. During the program, Abagnale will give a personal account of his life story, which is depicted in the movie based on his autobiography, “Catch Me If You Can,” in which he is portrayed by Leonardo DiCaprio.

Up ’til Dawn decided to bring Abagnale to help enliven fundraising. Anthony Feghali ’08, Up ’til Dawn corporate marketing chair, met Abagnale over spring break at a convention in Washington, D.C. where Abagnale addressed businessmen about fraud. After his speech, Abagnale sat down to eat with his audience. Feghali was amazed by the speaker’s intelligence, wit and humility. “Not only does he tell these amazing stories, but he tells a moral as well,” he said.

Feghali introduced himself and explained the College’s Up ’til Dawn organization to Abagnale, who quickly agreed to speak on campus.

“He’s a \$30,000 event speaker, and he’s doing this completely free — no charge for speaking, travel expenses, stay or food,” Feghali said. “He even declined another offer to speak where he would have been paid.”

Once Abagnale had been engaged, Up ’til Dawn contacted UCAB for help with organizing the event. “We were thinking the event would be on a large scale and UCAB has so much experience with events,” Rita Damico ’08, director of the executive board for Up ’til Dawn, said. There were only about two weeks to advertise the event, because it was planned so early in the school year, but UCAB was key in publicizing Abagnale’s story. Thomas Milteer ’09, chair of UCAB’s contemporary and cultural issues committee, described the process to make sure both students and the community knew about Abagnale’s visit.

“We made a mobile in the UC staircase, [a form of advertising only UCAB is allowed to do], and copied flyers and posted them all over campus. We also went to local businesses — like Dunkin’ Donuts, IHOP, Casa Maya — to tell the community about the event.”

UCAB is enthusiastic about the crowd that a big name could draw. “We’re just really excited for him to come,” Laura Whipple ’08, another member of the Up ’til Dawn executive board, said. “It’s a great way for people to get to know about our cause. Having him come early in the year helps to get our name out, especially to the freshmen.”

Up ’til Dawn hopes to raise at least \$1,000 Wednesday night. However, the event’s main focus is to encourage people to form teams that will fundraise for St. Jude throughout the semester. “Teams raise \$500 in one semester, with five to seven people on a team,” Damico said. “We have bake sales, a letter writing party and things like that.”

Up ’til Dawn hopes to raise at least \$30,000 this school year. St. Jude’s relies completely on fundraising to maintain its operations, requiring approximately \$1.3 million dollars per day.

“Children who go to St. Jude are never asked to pay for it,” Damico said. “The hospital pays for everything — the costs of traveling, and the stay itself. It even pays for the families to be housed close to the hospital.”

Student tickets are \$5 before the event and \$7 at the door. They can be purchased in the UC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.



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Leonardo DiCaprio portrays Frank Abagnale in the biographical movie “Catch Me If You Can.”

Tailgate prompts pre-game pride

By MICHELLE JU
The Flat Hat

Saturday, UCAB will present the Super Tribe Tailgate in the Sunken Garden from 3 to 7 p.m. The event, planned by UCAB, Tribe Athletics, Dining Services and Auxiliary Services, will be full of crowd-pleasers, including popular food vendors, a DJ, a performance by the band Ag Silver, a pep rally and games that are predicted to attract a large turnout in celebration of Saturday’s second home game of the season against Liberty University.

A convenient addition to the event is the use of Flex points for food and merchandise. “William and Mary Dining Services and Charlie Maimone from Auxiliary Services were instrumental in making the event happen,” Joe Lowder, assistant director of UCAB’s Student Activities Planning, said. “It was their idea to do this, and UCAB loved it. It is not an easy process to work out, but Charlie, Phil [DiBenedetto] and Larry [Smith] from Dining Services made it happen.”

Students may use their Flex points to receive coupons in \$1 denominations called Tribe Bucks. “Vendors will accept these Tribe Bucks, turn them into Aramark at the end of the night, and will receive a subsequent check from Aramark,” Amy Dickstein

’08, UCAB special events chair, said.

A few popular vendors at the Tribe Tailgate will be Nathan’s Famous Hot Dogs, Haagen Dazs, Food for Thought, the Campus Shop, Carmine’s Italian Market, K & K Concessions and Dining Services.

“The special events committee worked with the classes, pep band, cheerleaders and Tribal Dancers to come out and support the pep rally portion of the event,” Lowder said. There will also be a beer garden and free giveaways — including T-shirts and foam fingers — to lighten spirits and add to the jovialities.

According to Dickstein, “[UCAB] wanted an event that would bring the students and the Williamsburg community together. It’s a great way to bring the school together and show our Tribe Pride.”

UCAB anticipates a large student and community turnout. “The special events committee last year wanted to help inject some school spirit into football, and at the same time plan a fun event that complemented a football game,” Lowder said. “Hopefully, the students will enjoy themselves, hear some good music, have fun, enjoy good food and drink that they normally would not — all on their meal plan — and will come together to support the Tribe and really enjoy a fall football afternoon.”

Kids these days: ‘gee whiz,’ is out, but black and white is back

Dan Piepenbring
CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



As a dedicated eavesdropper both here and in the world at large, I’ve noticed a disconcerting tendency we have to speak in absolutes.

Walk the perimeter of the Sunken Garden or sit outside the Daily Grind and you’re apt to hear something like, “It was the best party ever;” “Definitely one of the worst movies of all time;” “I hate Rhonda with all of my soul and think she should go off and die in a muddy ditch somewhere, bitter and alone, virginity intact.” All of which makes yours truly want to ask: Wherefore the hyperbole, friends? Where has the nuance in our use of language gone? And what sort of parents name their kid Rhonda?

Imagine, just for the sake of argument, that people are analogous to faucets. There are two makes of faucet on the market. The first has a pair of distinct handles, one to dispense hot water, the other, cold; the second has only one handle, which swivels to the left and right to facilitate an entire spectrum of temperatures.

You and I and all of our contemporaries are the former kind of faucet — emitting only scalding or frigid emotive water and not all too interested in attempting to blend them. As social creatures, this bodes poorly for us.

Language is a real bitch, if you’ll excuse my crassness. It exists so that we can inflict, with at least minimal efficacy, our consciousnesses on other consciousnesses. People are incalculably complex, and our experiences are both multifaceted and multivalent. We want to convey to other people exactly how we feel — we want to express ourselves. So it is that we learn words and junk.

Even if we all memorized the Oxford English Dictionary — and some have tried — this would be a Herculean task. It’s hard to articulate, with 100 percent precision, your views on a given subject — even if that subject is yourself. But when we start to use only the most exaggerated and extreme words and phrases, self-expression becomes ineffectual and trivial.

Was the party last weekend really “the best,” or was it merely enjoyable? Do you honestly hate Rhonda and want her dead, or do you just

sort of dislike spending time with her? When we toss around absolutes with such reckless abandon, the gradations of our experiences become impossible to recognize. Language is one of our few communicatory assets. We’re robbing it of its already meager strength. We risk seeing the world in black and white. Really. Not even grayscale. I mean the darkest of blacks or the blankest of whites, greatest or worst, loved or hated, never or for all time.

It’s crucial to wonder, at this juncture, whether we overuse absolutes just because it’s easy and commonplace or because we’re genuinely feeling only absolutes — i.e. the party really does register with us as the single best gathering we have ever attended in the duration of our lives, ever. Furthermore, it’s important to note that even if previous postmodern generations have had their own slang (think of the ’50s with its “gee whiz,” or the ’60s with “far out” and “right on”) we are the first, I think, to encounter a knotty absolutism pervading our conversations. What might this mean about the types of lives we lead, about the burdens of today’s commercial and technocratic culture? Should those of us who treasure the subtleties of written and oral contact just putter around and hope that we grow out of it by the time we hit 30?

I’ll admit it: I believe we should strive to become more reserved and delicate in our use of language. We should become that other, superior brand of faucet. I don’t like to edify or preach, but I can’t see how our conscious abandonment of absolutes would be anything less than beneficial — conducive to rewarding relationships, broadening in its ability to make us perceive and appreciate complexity. It would be an all-around super thing.

No need to rush out to the bookstore and spend our leisure hours prepping to debut words like “sesquipedalian” or “chiaroscuro” in casual conversation. (Potentially irrelevant corollary: Personally, I’ve always desired a ridiculously comprehensive vocabulary, dating back to the first grade when I learned the word “determined” and felt like I deserved some sort of kiddie Nobel Prize. Whether my vocab-lust makes me geeky or curious or elitist or smidgens of the three depends on who you ask.) But being more precise, more careful with our diction, is a quick and easy way to become better communicators. And the gift of communication, as it turns out, really could be the greatest gift ever.

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FROM THE SIDELINES

The time has come for soccer in America

Matt Poms

FLAT HAT SPORTS COLUMNIST



On a balmy Sunday afternoon several months ago, a capacity crowd of chanting, screaming fans packed Chicago’s historic Soldier Field on the shores of Lake Michigan. No, they were not there to see their beloved Bears take on the New Orleans Saints in the NFC Championship Game, nor did they come to see a Bon Jovi concert. The 63,000-plus in attendance that day were rabid soccer fans, eager to watch the United States men’s national team take the field against their bitter Mexican rivals. When 22-year old American midfielder Benny Feilhaber launched a 20-yard rocket into the back of the net for the game winning goal, the reaction among the assembled Chicagoans was every bit as emphatic as that of a Brian Urlacher interception return for a touchdown.

That moment, much more so than David Beckham’s circus-inducing tour of the United States, is perfectly representative of the rapid growth that soccer has gained among the sports-conscious of this nation in the last decade. With Major League Soccer about to conclude its 12th year of existence with an ever strengthening fan base and increased financial stability, and a multitude of young, high profile American players journeying abroad to play for the world’s top clubs, the “beautiful game” has finally reached a tenable position in the American sports hierarchy. In short, as the Dick’s Sporting Goods commercial on ESPN asserts, “soccer’s time has come.”

In the summer of 1968, the North American Soccer League began play with 16 teams spread throughout the United States and Canada. To many Americans, this was their first introduction to the sport of soccer, and the fledgling league made a deep impact. In 1971, the famed New York Cosmos franchise was founded and worked to employ such legendary players as Georgio Chinaglia, Franz Beckenbauer and the incomparable Pelé. In the short span of a few seasons, the Cosmos became a prime destination for many New Yorkers as they routinely filled Giant’s Stadium en route to the 1977, 1978, 1980 and 1982 league titles. In 1978 alone, they averaged over 47,000 paying spectators per game, dwarfing the attendance of such Big Apple mainstays as the Yankees and Mets.

However, it was quickly realized that the NASL was not financially viable, with the top teams drawing all the fans and resources. While the Cosmos played to packed houses in New York, many other franchises struggled to draw as few as 5,000 fans a game, as most owners saw their bottom line remain firmly in the red. As a result of these financial shortcomings, the NASL folded after the 1984 season, stranding countless new American soccer fans.

This footballing morass remained until the creation of the MLS, which began play in 1996. Drawing strength from the success of the U.S. hosted 1994 World Cup, the league began amid modest popularity, with attendance numbers paling in comparison to those of the NASL at its height. The collective owners of MLS took great pains, however, in avoiding the pitfalls of their predecessor, and created a structure that would grow slowly but steadily, thus remaining more financially sustainable and depressing the possibilities of the huge spending sprees that were the death of the NASL. The result is a league that has continued to prosper a decade after its inception. Seven of the 13 MLS franchises play their home games in soccer specific stadiums, which foster a much more enjoyable atmosphere than that of a cavernous NFL stadium, while turning a much greater profit.

Even stronger evidence of the MLS’s success is the league’s recent record against clubs from much more famous and talented soccer nations. In the recent Superliga tournament, which pits MLS teams against their counterparts in Mexico’s Primera Liga, three out of the four semifinalists were American clubs, while the MLS All-Star Team has defeated United Kingdom powerhouses Chelsea and Celtic in consecutive years. Additionally, American players are traveling abroad in record numbers, testing their skills in top foreign leagues. Four out of the 20 starting goalkeepers in this year’s English Premiership — what is unanimously regarded as one of the top leagues in the world — are U.S. citizens, a proportion that is higher than that of every other nation except the soccer-mad United Kingdom. Without a doubt, the United States is producing soccer players who are competitive with the best in the world.

Never before in the history of American soccer have all three key ingredients for success been simultaneously present. While the NASL brought in legions of fans, it neither produced a consistently good field of players nor prospered financially, shutting it down after a brief existence. The MLS at present has grown to the point where the on-field product is very competitive, creating a fan base and turning a modest profit. Finally, that perfect Sunday afternoon in the Windy City embodied everything that the early founders of the NASL envisioned soccer would one day become in this nation: a team of American players defeating their most bitter rivals to the joyful cries of passionate American fans. Indeed, soccer’s time has come.

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MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

Women race to second

Men place fourth at U.Va.’s Lou Onesty Invitational

By CHRISTOPHER GARRETT

The Flat Hat

This Saturday the men’s and women’s cross country teams competed in the Lou Onesty Invitational hosted by the University of Virginia. The men’s team placed fourth out of nine teams and the women’s team finished second behind UVA. Duke University won the men’s race over host U.Va., while Cavalier Andy Biladeau captured the individual title, completing the 8-kilometer layout in 24 minutes and 25.8 seconds.

Tribe true freshman Tom Burke — in the first race of his college career — led the Tribe placing 21st overall with a time of 25:29. Junior Karl Lang finished second for the College, running 26:16.4 and taking 27th place. Rounding out the College’s scorers were sophomore Cabell Rosanelli (38th), freshman Pete Asaro (45th) and redshirt-freshman Robert Sagar (54th).

On the women’s side, senior Emily Gousen led the Tribe running a personal-best 18:06.5 and placing second overall.

“While the first race of the season is viewed more as a rust-buster and a low-pressure way to get back into racing mode, we all went into the race ready to compete and give our all. The girls

worked really well together,” Gousen said. “Coming in second place, only seven points behind nationally-ranked U.Va., is a great success and only points to good things to come.”

Several other Tribe runners finished in the top 10, as sophomore Kayley Byrne (sixth), senior Anna Parker (eighth) and sophomore Emily Anderson (tenth) packed together, finishing just 13 seconds apart. Senior Erin Prillaman placed 11th and completed the College’s scoring.

Men’s head coach Alex Gibby felt that his team and the women’s teams performed well at the meet.

“U.Va. is not a meet we stress from a performance standpoint,” Gibby said. “It is there to allow our freshmen and other assorted personnel an opportunity to acclimate to the 8K race distance.”

Coach Gibby also pointed out that competitions like the one held Saturday are designed to help his team “continue to perform well during the post-season [in November].”

Both the men’s and women’s teams next compete Sept. 29 in the Second Annual Colonial Inter-Regional Challenge at their home course at Eastern State Hospital, where they will look to continue their early successes.

Offense rings up 9 touchdowns in 63-16 rout of VMI



COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION
Junior quarterback Jake Phillips passed for 242 yards and 3 touchdowns, completing 13 of his 15 passes in only one half of play Saturday vs. the Keydets.

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yardage on just the second play of the game. VMI recovered the fumble on the Tribe’s 34 yard line and quickly earned a first and 10 deep inside the College’s red zone. But the Tribe was able to shut the drive down when junior cornerback Derek Cox and sophomore defensive end C.J. Herbert stopped VMI slotback Timothy Mayray in the backfield for a loss on second down inside the 10 yard line. VMI settled for a field goal, and once the Tribe got their offense on the field, they never looked back.

“Our defense did a heck of a job holding to a field goal there and from then on, I thought we executed very well offensively,” Laycock said. “We were very efficient about what we did.”

Phillips threw for 242 yards and connected on three touchdown passes in just one half of work for the Tribe (1-1). Through two games this season, Phillips has amassed 675 passing yards, six total touchdowns and a 69.6 completion percentage. All of this came from a quarterback who had not secured the starting job until just before the Tribe’s season-opener.

“Jake Phillips had another fine game throwing the ball,” Laycock said. “One of the reasons he is playing so well is because of R.J. [Archer] and Mike [Potts] and the competition they’ve had. I think that was a big factor in Jake’s improvement. They all pushed each other to get better.”

The offense was given an additional boost by the running backs. Junior DeBrian Holmes, senior Tony Viola and redshirt freshmen Courtland Marriner and Thomas Schonder all scored at least one touchdown in the team’s highest scoring performance since 1932. Marriner used his speed and

athleticism to carve up the VMI (1-1) defense for 107 yards rushing on only 13 carries, including a third quarter touchdown, while Holmes tallied three touchdowns on just nine rushes.

In addition to holding VMI to a field goal early in the game, the Tribe’s defense showed a knack for making big plays throughout the afternoon. Junior linebacker Josh Rutter recovered two fumbles, the defense forced a turnover on downs near midfield late in the first half and Herbert blocked an extra-point attempt.

Rutter’s first fumble recovery was set up by an outstanding play by sophomore safety David Caldwell, who delivered a crushing hit on VMI slotback Gabe Itoka, jarring the football loose. Rutter’s recovery gave the Tribe excellent field position, and following a 34-yard connection between Phillips and sophomore wide receiver R.J. Archer, Holmes galloped into the end zone for his second of three touchdowns.

The absence of senior wide receiver Joe Nicholas and junior wide-out D.J. McAulay, who is out for the season, had little impact on the receiving core. Redshirt freshman Cameron Dohse capitalized on his increased role in the offense to lead the Tribe with 77 receiving yards and the first touchdown of his career.

“[Cameron] is competitive, he works hard at practice, and I think he’s got good ability,” Laycock said. “If you take good ability and you work hard at practice you’ve got a chance to get better and that’s what he’s done.”

The Tribe will look to continue their improvement when Liberty University heads to Williamsburg Saturday. The game is scheduled for a 7 p.m. start at Zable Stadium. The College has defeated the Flames the past two seasons by scores of 56-0 in 2005 and 14-13 in 2006.

Zimmeck’s goal knocks out Maine

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“We should have figured out a way to beat these defenders,” head coach John Daly said. “Our front players just need to find their way. They’ve got to position themselves better. They’ve got to anticipate better and serve better quality balls.”

The College then had multiple attempts to tie the game, but Oklahoma denied each opportunity. Senior Brittany Bode fired a shot, which soared over the goal, as time expired.

The Tribe fared better against Maine Sunday, winning 1-0 in double overtime. The game remained scoreless with neither side managing to gain the ability to score on the other. The College put pressure on Maine’s defense the whole game, but was unable to score. Maine’s goalie made eight saves during the game, blocking most of the Tribe’s shots. The Tribe finally scored on Maine’s

defense in the middle of the second overtime when Claire Zimmeck broke free and fired a shot across the face of the goal that ricocheted off the left post and into the back of the net.

“I don’t think we were as sharp in the attacking third,” Coach Daly said. “This is a game that we should have won by two or three points ... I don’t think there was any question that we deserved to

win it. It was close up until the end.”

The College led Maine in shots 21-4, shots on goal 9-1 and corner kicks 10-1.

The Tribe returns to the field this weekend, facing off against the Naval Academy and the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill in Richmond in what promise to be very tough matchups.



SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT
Women’s soccer celebrates junior Claire Zimmeck’s game-winner.

FIELD HOCKEY: TRIBE 3, MIAMI (OH) 2

Late goal lifts Tribe to win

By ANDREW PIKE

Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

Saturday at Busch Field Tribe field hockey rallied to win against Miami (Ohio) University 3-2 and improved its record to 3-2. Freshman Jenna Cinalli scored the game-winning goal with 14 seconds left in regulation to cap the College’s comeback.

“The ability [of] the girls to squeeze out a win the last few seconds of the game is truly a testament to the team’s integrity,” head coach Peel Hawthorne said.

Trailing 2-1 at halftime, the College came out aggressively in the second half, outshooting the RedHawks 11-2 and earning six penalty corners. After gathering her own rebounded shot, sophomore mid-fielder Wesley Drew tied the game for the Tribe with her second goal of the game in the 44th minute.

Drew’s first goal came only four minutes into the game and gave the College an early lead at 1-0. Miami (OH) answered with two goals of its own midway through the first period to take the lead 2-1. The RedHawks’ Taylor Florence netted her team’s first goal and teammate Danielle Gaynor followed with a goal of her own just 53 seconds later.

The Tribe returns to action Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. against Longwood University at Busch Field.

Lauren Lamb contributed to this report.

SPORTS IN BRIEF



SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT

VOLLEYBALL
College loses three at the UC Irvine Invitational

The Tribe women’s volleyball team participated in the UC Irvine Invitational this past weekend. The Tribe lost all three matches, falling victim to Southern Mississippi, UCLA, and UC Irvine, respectively. The Tribe (3-5) lost some close matches and saw a few leads slip through their collective grasp. Junior Jill Nowadly accomplished a career high with 28 against Southern Mississippi while sophomore Jillian Brown and freshman Erin Skipper each had 11 kills against UC Irvine. The Tribe returns to action and hopes to rebound at the Villanova Classic next weekend.

LACROSSE
Bolton, Sellers and Lawlor named captains for 2008

Tribe lacrosse named senior defender Ashley Bolton (Nar-beth, Pa.), senior midfielder Jaime Sellers (Kennebunk, Maine) and junior defender Kate Lawlor (Philadelphia, Pa.) as the team captains for the 2008 season. Bolton is a former CAA all-Rookie selection, while Sellers scored 35 goals last year and earned second-team all-CAA honors. Lawlor recorded 17 ground balls last year and caused six turnovers while starting in all 16 games. The team doesn’t start official games until the spring, but they will be competing in fall exhibition games. The official fall practice season starts Sept. 17th.

— By Andy Andrews

SCHEDULE

Tues., Sept. 11

WOMEN’S GOLF
Chip-N Invitational

MEN’S GOLF
Mid Pines Invitational

Wed., Sept. 12

FIELD HOCKEY
vs. LONGWOOD — 7 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 4

VOLLEYBALL
vs. Binghamton — 10 a.m. *
vs. Princeton — 5:30 p.m. *

WOMEN’S TENNIS
W&M INVITATIONAL

MEN’S TENNIS
Virginia Invitational

MEN’S SOCCER
vs. Temple — 4:30 p.m. **

WOMEN’S SOCCER
vs. Navy — 4 p.m. ***

FIELD HOCKEY
@ Virginia — 7 p.m.

* Games played at Villanova.
** Games played at ODU.
*** Game played at VCU.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER: TRIBE 1, MAINE 0

Zimmeck golden in win

Junior forward’s overtime goal gives the College a 1-1 finish in the Tribe Invitational after Friday’s loss to OU

By JAMES PAGE
The Flat Hat

The 27th-ranked Tribe women’s soccer team hosted the Tribe Invitational this weekend at Albert-Daly Field. Virginia Commonwealth University won the tournament after holding both of its opponents scoreless. The College began the tournament with a loss to Oklahoma 2-1; however, they ended the weekend with a win against Maine 1-0.

This weekend saw the return

of junior striker and Preseason All-CAA Team selection Danielle Collins. Collins was not predicted to play until next weekend due to a rolled ankle, but managed to play in both games this weekend.

The Tribe came out of the first half Friday night looking strong, scoring on Oklahoma halfway through the first half. Collins managed to score on Oklahoma in the 16th minute of the first half from a free kick fielded by junior Abby Lauer. However, the College was unable to effectively penetrate Oklahoma’s defense for

the rest of the match.

Oklahoma rallied in the second half scoring two goals on the Tribe. In the 57th minute, Tenesha Duncan converted on Allyson Kucera’s corner kick with a header that slipped past the College’s junior goalkeeper Meghan Walker. The game-winning goal came from Sooners forward Whitney Palmer when she navigated the ball past Walker and scored seconds later in the 84th minute.

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SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT

Junior forward Claire Zimmeck scored Sunday’s game-winner.

Tribe 63 VMI 16

Tribe lays the hurt on VMI



COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION

Redshirt freshman running back Courtland Marriner (107 yards rushing) fights through the tackle of VMI defenders as senior offensive tackle Brad Stewart pancakes a Keydet.

BY THE NUMBERS
Individual Stats

PASSING
Jake Phillips — 13-15, 242 yards, 3 TDs

RUSHING
Courtland Marriner — 13 carries, 107 yds, 1 TD

DeBrian Holmes — 9 carries, 42 yards, 3 TDs

RECEIVING
Cameron Dohse — 4 catches, 77 yds, 1 TD

College rolls to highest point total in Laycock’s tenure

By MILES HILDER
Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

The College continued its recent supremacy over Virginia Military Institute Saturday, racking up over 500 yards of offense for the second straight game en route to a 63-16 victory. The Tribe — now 1-1 on the season — has emerged victorious in 22 straight contests against VMI.

The Tribe turned in a dominating all-

around performance as the offense stayed on the attack throughout the game, scoring on nine of their 12 possessions. The defense remained vigilant from start to finish, limiting VMI to only two successful third down conversions on 12 attempts while recording two sacks and recovering two fumbles.

“I thought we executed well, and we were fortunate during the second quarter,” head coach Jimmie Laycock said. “We got

some breaks and good field position and we were able to take advantage of it and you know in the second half we got to play a lot of people, and all that turned out to be a pretty good day.”

Despite the final score, the game got off to an ominous start for the Tribe, as junior quarterback Jake Phillips coughed up the football while attempting to scramble for

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MEN’S SOCCER: OHIO STATE 5, TRIBE 0

College finishes 0-2 at Penn State Classic

By HEATHER IRELAND
Flat Hat Staff Writer

After a promising start in their Sept. 1 home-opener with a 1-0 win against Elon University, the Tribe men’s soccer team had a rough weekend while competing at the Penn State Classic on the road in Pennsylvania this past Friday and Sunday.

The first team the College faced was host Penn State University. In a

game that began with constant changes of possession, no team managed to take command of the ball until early in the second half. Sophomore midfielder Price Thomas did attempt an early shot on goal, but it flew high, and it was not until the 22nd minute of the game that the first goal of the game was made by Penn State. At the start of the second half, senior midfielder Doug Ernst’s shot missed just wide of the Penn State goal, allowing the opposition to take control of the ball once again and

use that momentum to bring the score to 2-0 15 minutes into the half. Junior striker Nathan Belcher scored the lone Tribe goal of the game in the 74th minute of the game, putting the College on the board. Penn State made their last two goals late in the game and in quick succession, putting the win out of the Tribe’s reach for a final score of 4-1.

“We’re young and inexperienced, and that caught up a bit with us this weekend,” head coach Chris Norris said. “We played

well on Friday. The score was just not indicative of the game.”

Early in Sunday’s game against no. 22 Ohio State University, the College’s confidence was slightly shaken as Ohio State scored a goal that should have been a save. The team did not show the response they needed, noted Norris, and Ohio State used this opportunity to answer with more shots on goal. Ohio State outshot the

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